

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q82273

Masahiro SANO

Appln. No.: 10/500,191

Group Art Unit: 1791

Confirmation No.: 9237

Examiner: Geoffrey L. KNABLE

Filed: June 25, 2004

For: PNEUMATIC TIRE

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on February 23, 2009 between Examiner Geoffrey L. Knable and Applicant's representative John M. Bird, Esq.:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was mailed to Applicant on February 27, 2009.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's undersigned representative during the telephone interview on February 23, 2009, in which a proposal to address the §112 and §102 rejections was discussed. Consistent with this interview, Applicant has amended the claims to clarify that the joined portion is the region provided around the protruding portion.

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It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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